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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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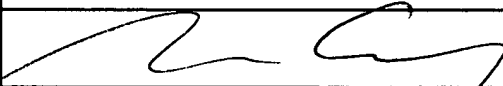
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 5, 2006 for the above-captioned patent application, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-6 as listed on page 2 of the Action, with traverse.

Applicants request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement. As a first matter, Applicants note that the claims of Groups II, III, VI and VII all are classified in the same class and subclass. Applicants request that these groups be rejoined with each other on the grounds that searching these claims and examining them together does not add to, and in fact decreases the burden on the examiner since only one search need be made for all these claims. The same is true for Groups IV and V (claims 12-13). Applicants therefore request Groups II, III, VI and VII; and Groups IV and V be rejoined with each other.

Applicants also request that Group I be rejoined at this time with Groups II-VII, which are dependent on claims of Group I and therefore contain all of the limitations therein. The claims are related as composition and methods using the composition. As claimed, the methods cannot be performed without the bi-specific T cell of claims 1-6 and would be allowable if the claims on which they depend are allowable.

Applicants now request examination of the application on the merits and favorable consideration of the pending claims.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,					
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